

### **REMARKS**

Applicants again acknowledge with appreciation the indication of the allowance of claims 38 through 45 and the allowability of claims 2 through 21, 24, 27 through 37, 51 and 52. Claim 1 further has been amended to overcome the objection based on indefiniteness and further to distinguish such claim over the patent to Edahiro et al.

Claim 1 as further amended, now recites a steering shaft provided with a wheel, supported on the body which corresponds to shaft 37 as shown in Figure 4; a torque transmitting main shaft supported longitudinally on the body which corresponds to shaft 32, as shown in Figures 3 and 4; means operatively interconnecting the steering shaft and the main shaft for transmitting rotary motion of the steering shaft to rotary motion of the main shaft which corresponds to gearbox 39, transversely disposed shaft 31, gearbox 34, shaft 33 and universal joint 35, as shown in Figure 4; a first transversely displaceable means operatively interconnecting knuckle brackets of the sets of steerable wheels corresponding to wheel steering assembly 26, as shown in Figure 5; and means separate from the means operatively connecting the steering shaft to the main shaft, i.e. components 39, 31, 34, 33 and 35, operatively interconnecting the main shaft and the first transversely displaceable means for translating rotary motion of the main shaft to linear motion of the first transversely displaceable means corresponding to linkage 44, as shown in Figure 5. In this regard, it is to be noted that in the claimed invention, the means for imparting linear motion to rods 41 and 42 is linkage 44 which translates the rotary motion of shaft 32 to linear motion of rods 41 and 42 as opposed to the arrangement in Edahiro et al. in which a rack and pinion mechanism 3 converts the rotary motion of steering wheel 2 into linear motion of the front wheel turning rod 4. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1 as now further amended clearly distinguishes over the structure as disclosed in the cited reference.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the rejection of claim 1 and the objections to claims 21, 22 through 21, 24, 27 through 37, 51 and 52 be withdrawn, such claims be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this amendment. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 14-1437, under Order No. 8375.006.US0000 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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